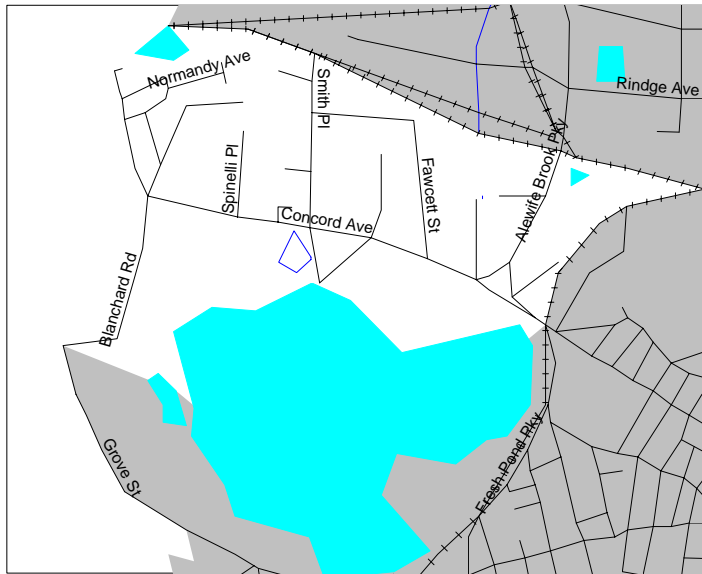
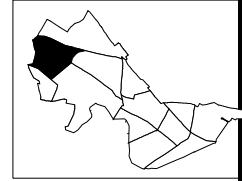


NEIGHBORHOOD 12

HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION: 673 residents
281 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	1	0	0	3	3
Street Robbery	1	1	0	1	1
Auto Theft	10	12	11	3	4
Larceny from MVs	19	19	14	15	16
Malicious Destruction	13	26	14	31	30
Drug Arrests	1	3	4	1	1

2003 YEAR END REVIEW

The quiet Cambridge Highlands neighborhood in 2003 saw a year almost perfectly consistent with 2002's patterns. Once again, the Highlands experienced a relatively high number of acts of vandalism (**malicious destruction of property**). Although there were no glaring sprees of vandalism in this neighborhood last year, the 100-200 block of Alewifebrook Parkway remained the major hotspot, particularly the parking lot at 168 Alewifebrook Parkway. Cars at the Fresh Pond mall were especially targeted. Car windows were the most common item damaged in these acts. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** have remained steady over the last five years in the Highlands. These were focused on the parking lots around the Fresh Pond Mall, the usual hotspot for this crime. The vast majority (14 of 16) occurred during weekends, when the mall's lots are especially packed. • **Auto theft**, once fairly common in the Highlands, was again very low with only four incidents reported in 2003. Two of these resulted in recoveries, one in Wellesley and one in Brighton. One of the stolen cars had been left unlocked. • The only **drug arrest** in 2003 was a result of an investigation into a New York-based ecstasy dealer, who was found with 1556 ecstasy pills in his car at 186 Alewifebrook Parkway after agreeing to sell them to undercover detectives for \$10,000. • The thinly populated Highlands annually records a low number of **housebreaks**. There were three incidents this year, two of which occurred in a four-day period at the same residence on Concord Avenue. The last of these incidents, which was the only successful housebreak in the neighborhood in 2003, resulted in the arrest of a homeless man. • The neighborhood's only **street robbery** occurred in the Fresh Pond Mall parking lot. Three males stole the victim's cell phone and fled into Danehy Park. The Highlands regularly reports extremely low amounts of street robberies; 2003 was not an exception.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	12
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	13
Auto Theft	54	11	14	12	13
Larceny from MVs	38	12	21	12	12
Malicious Destruction	28	12	25	12	10

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** have occasionally become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile-related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- Larcenies from persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocketpickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.

